UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

In re:

THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO,

as representative of

THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO, et al.,

Debtors.1

PROMESA Title III

No. 17 BK 3283-LTS

(Jointly Administered)

NOTICE OF CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH OMNIBUS OBJECTION (NON-SUBSTANTIVE) OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO, PUERTO RICO HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, AND EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO TO INDIVIDUAL PROOF OF CLAIM NO. 80705.

To the Honorable United States District Judge Laura Taylor Swain:

1. On December 12, 2019, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (the "<u>Commonwealth</u>"), the Puerto Rico Highways and Transportation Authority ("<u>HTA</u>"), and the Employees Retirement System of the Government of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico ("<u>ERS</u>"), by and through the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico (the "<u>Oversight</u>")

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The Debtors in these Title III Cases, along with each Debtor's respective Title III case number and the last four (4) digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, as applicable, are the (i) Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3283- LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3481); (ii) Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corporation ("COFINA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3284-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 8474); (iii) Puerto Rico Highways and Transportation Authority ("HTA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3567-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3808); (iv) Employees Retirement System of the Government of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico ("ERS") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3566-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 9686); (v) Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority ("PREPA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-4780-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3747); and (vi) Puerto Rico Public Buildings Authority ("PBA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 19-BK-5523-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3801) (Title III case numbers are listed as Bankruptcy Case numbers due to software limitations).

Board"), as the sole representative of the Commonwealth, HTA and ERS (collectively, the "Debtors") pursuant to Section 315(b) of the *Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act* ("PROMESA"),² filed the *One Hundred Thirteenth Omnibus Objection of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Puerto Rico Highways and Transportation Authority, and Employees Retirement System of the Government of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico to Deficient Claims Asserting Interests Based on Unspecified Puerto Rico Statutes* [ECF No. 9563] (the "One Hundred Thirteenth Omnibus Objection") to various proofs of claim.

- 2. The One Hundred Thirteenth Omnibus Objection seeks to disallow certain deficient claims which purport to assert liabilities arising from salary or other compensation owed in connection with employment, pensions, or services provided by the claimant, but fail to provide critical information, such as the specific services provided, the salary accrued but unpaid, or other information needed to understand what liabilities any of the Commonwealth, HTA, ERS, or any other Title III Debtor may owe.
- 3. The Debtors have received the attached correspondence from Petra Montes Alicea ("Montes Alicea"), a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" (the "Montes Alicea Response"), regarding Proof of Claim No. 80705 (the "Montes Alicea Claim"). A certified translation of the Montes Alicea Response is attached hereto as Exhibit "A-1".
- 4. The Montes Alicea Response consists of a partially-completed questionnaire. The questionnaire purports to assert liabilities arising from a legal action, but the only case number the Montes Alicea Response identifies is the case number for the Commonwealth's Title III Case. The Montes Alicea Response further states that the Montes Alicea Claim is related to the Commonwealth, HTA and ERS. The Montes Alicea Response does not, however contain any

² PROMESA is codified at 48 U.S.C. §§ 2101-2241.

additional information necessary to evaluate the Montes Alicea Claim, such as an explanation of the basis for any liabilities owed to Montes Alicea. Accordingly, the Debtors have determined that the Montes Alicea Response still does not provide sufficient information to enable the Debtors to reconcile the Montes Alicea Claim.

5. The Debtors therefore respectfully request that the Court grant the One Hundred Thirteenth Omnibus Objection and disallow the Montes Alicea Claim, notwithstanding the Montes Alicea Response.

Dated: November 11, 2020 San Juan, Puerto Rico Respectfully submitted,

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